

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

INTERNATIONAL FRESH PRODUCE
ASSOCIATION, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:24-cv-00309-HSO-BWR

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court’s Order of June 9, 2025, the parties, having conferred, jointly submit the following update on the status of this matter.

1. On June 20, 2025, the Department of Labor (“DOL”) issued a press release and Field Assistance Bulletin in which it announced the Wage and Hour Division’s suspension of all enforcement activities under the 2024 Final Rule challenged in these proceedings. *See U.S. Department of Labor Issues New Guidance to Provide Clarity for Farmers on H-2A Worker Regulations*, Press Release, U.S. DEP’T LABOR (Jun. 20, 2025) <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/whd/whd20250620> (last accessed July 2, 2025); Field Assistance Bulletin No. 2025-2, U.S. DEP’T LABOR (Jun. 20, 2025) <https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/WHD/fab/fab2025-2.pdf> (last accessed July 7, 2025).

2. On July 2, 2025, DOL published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“NPRM”) entitled *Recission of Final Rule: Improving Protections for Workers in Temporary Agricultural Employment in the United States*. 90 Fed. Reg. 28,919, available at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-07-02/pdf/2025-12315.pdf> (last accessed July 2, 2025).

3. The NPRM proposes to rescind most of the provisions of the 2024 Final Rule, including the “worker voice and empowerment” provisions challenged here. *See id.*

4. Judicial economy is served by holding this case in abeyance until there is final agency action on this rulemaking, since rescission of the 2024 Final Rule, as proposed, would likely resolve the dispute between the parties, rendering final resolution in the case moot.

5. The parties further propose to provide the Court with joint status reports apprising it of the rulemaking’s status every two months until there is final agency action on the rulemaking.

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I hereby certify that on July 9, 2025, I electronically filed the foregoing paper with the Clerk of Court using this Court's CM/ECF system, which will notify all counsel of record of such filing.

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